

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The capacity of a rack-mounted storage library having a media
element handling assembly is expanded by mounting a panel segment to a rack side
such that the panel segment faces the rack interior. At least one of media element
housing cells and a media player are supported on the panel segment such that the
10 cells and the player face the rack interior. The library capacity is increased by
mounting another panel segment having cells or a player to another rack side. The
panel segments are mounted to the rack sides independent of one another or are
connected together prior to being mounted to the rack sides. The handling assembly
15 moves through the rack interior to load media elements held by cells into a player.
The panel segments may be mounted to the rack sides at the same or different rack
length positions.